

Pathways and Partnerships in Cross-Border Health



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Hyatt Regency Dearborn
Dearborn, Michigan

August 24 - 25, 2006

Pre-conference meetings August 23, 2006

Registration Deadline is:

*Wednesday,
August 2, 2006*

Hyatt Regency Dearborn

*600 Town Center Drive
Dearborn, Michigan
Tel: (313) 593-1234*

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Registration Information

The 2006 Border Health Initiative Conference: *Pathways and Partnerships in Cross-Border Health* will be held Thursday and Friday, August 24 - 25, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn in Dearborn, Michigan.

To register for the conference, please complete the attached registration form and email to jzdybel@malph.org or fax to (517) 485-6412 at MALPH.

Registration information, maps and more are available at www.malph.org on the Events page.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 2, 2006.

Confirmation letters will be emailed to registrants that pre-register.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the registration process please contact Julie Zdybel at (517) 485-0660 or jzdybel@malph.org.

Hotel Information

The host hotel for the 2006 Great Lakes Border Health Initiative Conference is the Hyatt Regency Dearborn (313-593-1234) in Dearborn, Michigan. Please make your hotel reservations by August 2, 2006 to guarantee the group rate of \$124.00 (single or double occupancy).

Reservations can be made via the MALPH website at www.malph.org on the Events page. Be sure to reference code #G-PUBL to obtain the group rate. Conference attendees are responsible for their individual reservations and cost.

If your agency is tax exempt, please be sure to ask the hotel, upon making reservations, for any requirements they may have in order to honor the exemption.

FLIGHT INFORMATION: The closest airport to the Hyatt Regency Dearborn is the Detroit Metropolitan Airport (734) 247-7678.

TRANSPORTATION: For transportation to and from airport please contact Dearborn Transportation Company (Bill Abdallah 313-982-7174 or 734-465-8606).

FREE PARKING: Available in outdoor lot located adjacent to the hotel.

WEBCAST INFORMATION

Select sessions will be webcast live for those who are unable to attend the conference at www.wmsu.org and archived for on-demand viewing after the conference has concluded. Please look for the icon to the left indicating sessions that will be broadcast. Visit www.wmsu.org beginning August 7th for more information.

Conference Objectives

Pathways and Partnerships in Cross-Border Health

This two-day conference is an opportunity for health care and emergency preparedness professionals along international borders of Canada and the United States to gather and discuss ongoing collaborative work on infectious disease surveillance.

Invitations have been extended to local, state/provincial, tribal and federal stakeholders from Ontario and the Great Lakes states.

At the conclusion of this conference participants will be able to:

- *State the main responsibilities of non (human) health agencies indirectly involved in cross-border infectious disease issues and how these responsibilities would relate to their own practice.*
- *Recognize the differences in reporting criteria and reporting mechanisms, and different formats for communicating disease surveillance information.*
- *Identify accomplishments of the GLBHI since 2005 Conference.*
- *Recognize competing public health priorities during emergencies and how these might affect collaboration in emergency situations.*
- *Identify historical cross-border infectious disease events and apply outlined communication pathways to these events.*
- *State progress made in facilitating cross-border information sharing given the legal and administrative limitations of participating jurisdictions.*
- *State the agencies which would be involved in a quarantine or isolation event involving the international border and responsibilities of each.*
- *Understand current global emerging infectious diseases that could affect cross-border planning.*

The conference will offer the opportunity for:

- *Contribution to the identification of previously unmet needs related to cross-border infectious disease surveillance.*
- *Strategic face-to-face discussion toward achieving the key tasks identified in the Great Lakes Border Health Initiative's current Terms of Reference.*

Pre-Conference Meetings

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

GLBHI committees will be meeting for their annual in-person meetings. Current members are asked to attend per the schedule below.

11:45 a.m.

Working Lunch Buffet for Subcommittee Members
(please indicate on the registration form if you will be attending)

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Face-to-Face GLBHI Subcommittee Meetings

Public Health Communications

Emergency Response

Direct Care

Laboratory

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Legal

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

GLBHI Steering Committee

Registration Open:
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 24, 2006

7:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:15 a.m.

Welcome Address

Janet Olszewski, MSW
Director
Michigan Department of Community Health

8:20 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Opening Plenary

Richard Buck
Border Health Manager
New York State Department of Health



Gregory Michener
Program Consultant
Emergency Management Unit
Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Critical Connections: Partnerships for Global Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance

The Example of Pandemic Influenza

Learn more about the pivotal steps in identifying and responding to the next outbreak of a serious infectious disease from Dr. Alan Zelicoff, renowned author of *"Microbe: Are We Ready For The Next Plague?"* Book reviewers and public health experts worldwide have hailed *Microbe* as an essential primer on the debate about whether the United States is ready for a pandemic.

Alan P. Zelicoff, MD
Author of "Microbe: Are We Ready For The Next Plague?"

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Sharing Best Practices in Cross-Border Collaborations

The Great Lakes Border Health Initiative is one of several regional groups working to build essential relationships in cross-border infectious disease surveillance. Representatives from three of these initiatives will share their insights, experiences and best practices.

Richard Buck
Border Health Manager
New York State Department of Health

Wayne Turnberg, MS, MSPH
Epidemiologist
Washington State Department of Health

Stephen Waterman, MD, MPH
Medical Epidemiologist
U.S. - Mexico Border Infectious Disease Coordinator
CDC Quarantine and Border Health Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Thursday, August 24, 2006

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

***PulseNet Foodborne
Cluster Detection
System:***

***A Model International
Program***

PulseNet's formal Memorandum of Understanding was a major step forward in the international exchange of real-time information on foodborne disease clusters and outbreaks. This agreement will be a model for the development of similar agreements between other international health initiatives.

Peter Gerner-Smidt, MD, PhD
Chief, Epidemiologic Investigation
PulseNet USA
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Working Lunch

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Session 101 *(Repeats at 3:30 p.m.)*

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***Interagency Collaboration on Avian
Influenza Preparedness: A Panel Presentation***

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Veterinary Epidemiologist
United States Department of Agriculture

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Director
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Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Kim Signs, DVM
Zoonotic Epidemiologist
Michigan Department of Community Health

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (continued)

Session 102 (Repeats at 3:30 p.m.)

www.wmsu.org



Neighbour to Neighbor: Bridging the Canadian-American Culture Gap

Effective cross-border communication is central to the success of the Great Lakes Border Health Initiative. Learn more about the subtle (and not-so-subtle) cultural differences between these North American neighbors.

Sara Michaels, PhD, MRM, BIS
Associate Professor
School of Planning
University of Waterloo

Session 103 (Repeats at 3:30 p.m.)

Everyone at the Table: Collaborating with our Native American/First Nations Partners

Positive relations with our First Nations and Native American Partners will allow sharing of resources, coordination of projects and attention to mutual concerns.

Sue Vanstone, MA
Manager - Aboriginal Health Unit
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Policy Branch
Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Session 104 (Repeats at 3:30 p.m.)

Application of Real-Life Case Studies: Direct Care Responses and Application of New Communication Guideline

Join us for a step-by-step look at how a real cross-border infectious disease occurrence was handled by health and safety professionals on both sides of the border. This presentation will focus on best practices and lessons learned and consider the impact of the newly drafted GLBHI Infectious Disease Emergency Communications Guideline on the case.

Facilitator:

James Sunstrum, MD
Medical Director
Oakwood Health System

Panel TBA

Session 105

The Security and Prosperity Partnership: A Shared Vision for North American

What is the Security and Prosperity Partnership and how does it relate to cross-border health? Learn more about this Canadian-American-Mexican collaboration and its public health purpose.

Karen Becker, DVM, MPH, DACVPM
Senior Public Health Advisor
Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness
United States Department of Health and Human Services

Raul Sotomayor, MSA, CPH
Program Analyst
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Health
Emergency Preparedness
United States Department of Health and Human Services

Session 106

Ethical Challenges of Pandemic Influenza Planning and Response

Identifying and exploring the ethical issues likely to arise in the course of responding to a pandemic disease outbreak is a key facet of pandemic planning and response. This presentation will outline those ethical decisions which should be considered by emergency planners.

Jaro Kotalik, MD, MA, FRCPC
Director
Centre for Healthcare Ethics
Lakehead University

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Break

Thursday, August 24, 2006

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

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James Sunstrum, MD
Medical Director
Oakwood Health System

Session 205

Different Partners, Different Tunes: Laboratory Aspects of Pandemic Influenza Planning

State and provincial public health laboratories are intricately involved in developing pandemic influenza plans for their respective jurisdictions. The challenge is to ensure that laboratory-specific plans are consistent with evolving local, state, federal and international plans as well as with the most current technical information available. This presentation will share experiences of Michigan and Ontario state/provincial labs.

Patricia Somsel
Director of Infectious Disease Laboratories
Michigan Department of Community Health

John Jessop
Manager - Sault Ste. Marie and Timmin Regional
Public Health Laboratories
Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Thursday, August 24, 2006

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. (continued)

Session 206

Using a Bingo Game as an Innovative, Interactive Approach to Public Health Emergency Preparedness Vocabulary

This session will introduce participants to an interactive bingo game that was developed as a fun and engaging way to learn public health emergency preparedness vocabulary. Participants will recognize different vocabularies among various public health emergency preparedness entities. Participants will be able to list at least three new public health emergency preparedness terms and their definitions. Participants will be asked to voluntarily provide guidance in ongoing research and development of vocabulary resources.

Julie Gleason-Comstock, PhD, CHES
Assistant Professor of Community Medicine
Department of Community Medicine
Wayne State University

Timothy W. Spannaus, PhD
Senior Lecturer - Instructional Technology and
Research Fellow
Institute for Learning and Performance Improvement
Wayne State University

Ellen B. Marks, MLS
Director - Shiffman Medical Library
Wayne State University

Deborah H. Charbonneau, MLS
Librarian and Principal Investigator
Shiffman Library
Wayne State University

Alica Streater, PhD
Research Associate
Department of Community Medicine
Wayne State University

Networking Reception

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Light Snacks, Refreshments, Cash Bar

(please indicate on the registration form if you will be attending)

Friday, August 25, 2006

7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

***New Border Quarantine and
Isolation Developments
in a Pre-Pandemic Era***

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

***Strengthening Partnerships
for Infectious Disease
Border Protection:
A Panel Discussion***

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Isolation and quarantine are powerful tools in today's public health landscape, particularly in this pre-pandemic era. Many new developments are bridging gaps in public health and clinical practice, emergency services, and response management.

Eric Jeffries, MD, FRCPH, PhD
Quarantine Medical Officer - East
Workplace Health and Public Safety Program
Public Health Agency of Canada

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Gabe Palumbo, MBA, MPH
Officer in Charge
Detroit Quarantine Station
Division of Global Migration and Quarantine
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How do security, federal, state/provincial and local health officials interact on infectious disease issues at the international border? This is your chance to ask those questions you have been pondering.

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Bill Dice, MD, FACEP
Director
Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Erie NY County Department of Public Health

Douglas Sider, MD, MSc, FRCP
Associate Medical Officer of Health
Ontario Regional Niagara Public Health Department

Stuart MacPherson
Director - Emergency Preparedness and Health and Safety
Canada Border Services Agency Operations Branch

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Representative TBA

Break

Friday, August 25, 2006

10:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

***Viral Hemorrhagic
Fever in North America:
An International
Public Health
Tabletop Exercise***

TABLETOP EXERCISE AND LUNCHEON

(please indicate on the registration form if you will be attending)

Facilitator: Dr. Phil Schertzing

*Leadership provided by the
University of Michigan Center for Public Health Preparedness*

Would existing public health plans and predicted health responses to a viral hemorrhagic fever outbreak along the U.S. - Canadian border interplay in an effective way to reduce public health consequences for both countries? Participate in this tabletop exercise designed to answer that question and to identify strengths, weaknesses and gaps in current preparedness.

Purpose

The purpose of this exercise is to:

- Test the ability of MI, MN, NY, WI and Ontario to respond to a cross-border public health emergency involving a viral hemorrhagic fever.
- Provide exercise participants an opportunity to test existing communicable disease protocols.
- Identify gaps in cross-border emergency preparedness plans.

Objectives

At the completion of this exercise, the participant will be able to:

- Demonstrate cross-border crisis communication utilizing formal mechanisms described in the *Great Lakes Border Health Initiative Public Health Emergency Communication Guideline*.
- Identify the necessary steps to initiate active surveillance and outbreak control processes in a cross-border communicable disease emergency.
- Organize community containment response efforts between local, state/provincial and federal agencies.
- Discuss appropriate response for regulating movement across the Canadian-US border during a communicable disease emergency.

Registration Form - Deadline August 2, 2006

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Because conference space is limited, early registration is encouraged.

Name _____ Degrees _____

Title _____

Agency _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip code _____

Email _____ Phone () _____ Fax () _____
(Required)

To assist us in planning for meals and room set-up please indicate which of the following you will be attending.
Please place a check mark next to all that apply to you:

Conference Attendance:

- ☐ Full Conference
- ☐ Wednesday, August 23, 2006
- ☐ Thursday, August 24, 2006
- ☐ Friday, August 25, 2006

Meal Attendance:

- ☐ Wednesday Pre-conference buffet luncheon
(For Subcommittee Members)
- ☐ Thursday August 24th Working Luncheon
- ☐ Networking Reception Thursday, August 24, 2006
- ☐ Vegetarian meals

Thursday, August 24, 2006

Please select which of the following concurrent sessions you will attend:

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- ☐ Session 101 - Interagency Collaboration
- ☐ Session 102 - Neighbour to Neighbor
- ☐ Session 103 - Everyone at the Table
- ☐ Session 104 - Application of Real Life Case Studies
- ☐ Session 105 - The Security and Prosperity Partnership
- ☐ Session 106 - Ethical Challenges

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

- ☐ Session 201 - Interagency Collaboration
- ☐ Session 202 - Neighbour to Neighbor
- ☐ Session 203 - Everyone at the Table
- ☐ Session 204 - Application of Real Life Case Studies
- ☐ Session 205 - Different Partners, Different Tunes
- ☐ Session 206 - Using a Bingo Game

Friday, August 25, 2006

Please indicate below if you will be participating in the Tabletop Exercise and luncheon

- ☐ Tabletop Exercise and luncheon

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